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In re Application of:
Coleman et al.
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DECISION ON PETITION TO
WITHDRAW THE HOLDING
OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) filed on March 4, 2005, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the timely filing of a response to the Office action mailed February 24, 2005. The delay in responding to this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed an action to applicants on November 30, 2004, setting a two-month statutory time period for reply. On February 24, 2005, the examiner mailed a notice of abandonment for failure to respond to the outstanding Office action.

Applicants state that a timely response to the Office action was filed on January 28, 2005, as evidenced by the post card identifying the papers filed and showing a USPTO date-stamped receipt of January 28, 2005.

In view of this evidence, applicants are considered to have submitted a timely reply.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**. The application will be forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the response of January 28, 2005.

Should there be any questions about this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile at 703-872-9306.

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